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In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions of claims in the application with the following claims:

1. (Currently amended) Device for applying a working power to a workpiece, comprising
 a working cylinder,
 a working piston-(9),
 an actuation chamber-(85) which can be supplied with a hydraulic medium and situated on one side of the piston,
 a return chamber-(86) which can be supplied with a gaseous medium and situated on the opposing side of the piston,
 and
 a force transmission device-(5) cooperating with the working piston-(9).
2. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein
 an accumulator-(60) communicates with the actuation chamber-(85),
 wherein the hydraulic medium may be stored in the accumulator-(60)
 under pressure.
3. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~wherein
 arranged between the accumulator-(60) and the actuation chamber-(85) is
 a control valve-(63), wherein the hydraulic medium stored in the
 accumulator-(60) under pressure may be fed suddenly via the control
 valve-(63) into the actuation chamber-(85).
4. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~
wherein the workpiece is a connecting rod-(2) and the force transmission device
 (5) is designed such that the workpiece-(2) can be crack split.

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5. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the force transmission device ~~(5)~~ has a locally fixed spreading jaw ~~(3)~~, a movable spreading jaw ~~(4)~~ and a spreading device in the form of a spreading wedge ~~(55)~~ for pushing apart the spreading jaws ~~(3, 4)~~.
6. (Currently amended) Device according to ~~the claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the return chamber ~~(86)~~ includes a discharge device ~~(87)~~ designed such that the gaseous medium may be displaced suddenly from the return chamber ~~(86)~~.